



Where you can find us



Our mission

Under the direction of the Colorado Department of Human Services, the mission of the Division of State Veterans Nursing Homes is to honor and serve our nation's veterans, their spouses and Gold Star Parents by creating opportunities for meaningful activity, continued growth and feelings of self-worth in resident-centered long-term care and supportive living environments.

Our vision

Our vision is that residents experience compassion, dignity and companionship in communities filled with life, love and laughter.

How to contact us

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Colorado State Veterans Home at Fitzsimons

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Colorado State Veterans Center at Homelake

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Colorado State Veterans Home at Rifle

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Colorado State Veterans Home at Walsenburg

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Colorado State Veterans Homes



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Caring communities that honor America's heroes!

Who we are

The Colorado Department of Human Services operates the State Veterans Homes at Fitzsimons, Florence, Homelake/Monte Vista and Rifle. The Colorado State Veterans Home at Walsenburg is operated by the Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center.

Who we serve

The State Veterans Homes serve honorably discharged veterans, veterans' spouses/widows and "Gold-Star" parents.

Which forms of payment we accept

Private pay and Medicaid are accepted for long-term care. Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance are accepted for short-term rehabilitation. Staff is available to assist with Medicaid and VA benefit applications. For residents who have long-term care insurance coverage, we will help family members complete paperwork required by individual plans.

What we offer

Long-term care: We provide skilled nursing care; speech, physical and occupational therapy; social activities; and assistance with bathing, dressing and other daily activities.

Short-term rehabilitation: Individuals seeking to return home following a qualifying hospital stay can work to regain skills and improve physical strength, endurance and aerobic capacity.

Assisted living-like cottages/"domiciliary": This level of care is available in Homelake (Monte Vista).

Memory care: We offer specialized care for individuals with dementia.

Short-term "respite" care: Temporary stays are offered when homecare providers are unavailable.

End-of-life/hospice services: Comfort-oriented care is available for individuals nearing the end of their lives.

What makes us different

Comprehensive daily rate

The daily rate covers many "extras," including all medications; primary care physician services; oxygen, wheelchairs and other medical supplies; physical, speech and occupational therapy; transportation to medical appointments; and more! (Reduced rates given to veterans.)

Meaningful activities and resident involvement

Our Homes strive to prevent or reduce residents' feelings of helplessness, loneliness and boredom by giving residents choices about their care, meals, activities and daily routines; offering loving companionship; and creating opportunities for contact with children, animals and plants. Meaningful activities range from poker, gardening, watching musical performances or playing computer Wii games to dining out, enjoying a baseball game or going fishing!



What our customers have said about us

"You have instilled in my mother a willingness to live. She had all but given up in the nursing home [where] she was staying."
— Family member, State Veterans Home at Fitzsimons

"The staff treats my father with great respect and dignity. They involve him in discussions and consider his opinions. It is a huge comfort to know he is well taken care of."
— Family member, Bruce McCandless State Veterans Home at Florence

"We love Homelake and look forward to living there ourselves if we live long enough!"
— Family member, State Veterans Center at Homelake

"You hire people who really care. You tell us fun things Mom has done. That shows me that the aides and nurses really know my Mom and they interact with her."
— Family member, State Veterans Home at Rifle

"My husband chose this facility as his home because he saw the consistency of a caring staff with joyful attitudes and an activity group that keeps [him] as involved as [he] wants to be."
— Family member, State Veterans Home at Walsenburg

In recent years, family members' reported levels of satisfaction at Colorado State Veterans Homes have exceeded both state and national averages on nearly all survey questions. The surveys are conducted by a national long-term care evaluation firm with the largest set of senior care satisfaction data in the nation.